

The Mission of The Church | Acts 2:43-47

And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

SIGNS AND WONDERS

1. The purpose of signs and wonders were to draw and point people to the person and work of Jesus Christ
2. Jesus was building His church; a redeemed community
 - a. "Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." (1 Peter 2:10)

BIBLICAL COMMUNITY

1. Taking Jesus seriously; responsible for one another and the community;
2. Missional begins with the truth of Scripture;

SACRED AND SECULAR

1. The church lived out their faith publicly
 - a. Gospel proclamation and practice (character)
 - i. "We are the living proof that the gospel is not an empty word but a powerful word that takes men and women who are lovers of self and transforms them by grace through the Spirit into people who love God and others." (Tim Chester)
 - ii. "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9)
 - b. Gospel culture when gathered, gospel culture when scattered;
 - i. "Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation." (1 Peter 2:11-12)
 - c. Kingdom realities
 - i. Theological Development
 - ii. Discipleship
 - iii. Formation and Mission

BENEDICTION | MATTHEW 5:13-14

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."